

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 16 and 19-22 are in the application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, are respectfully requested.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, claims 19, 20, and 21 have been written in independent form so as to include the features of claim 16 without the step of cooling.

Accordingly, the claims now correctly recite the fact that the cooling steps of claims 19, 20, and 21 are alternative steps to the one recited in claim 16.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance.

Since the application now contains a total of six independent claims, a fee in the amount of \$300.00 is enclosed herewith.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

Respectfully submitted,

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